Assembly Resolution No. 35

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REMEMBERING the victims of the Haitian Earthquake of January 12, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to remember those who lost their lives to the tragic earthquake of January 12, 2010 in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, The vital response and many sacrifices of the men and women of the government of Haiti, the U.S. Government, the United Nations, and the State of New York, are duly recognized; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body reaffirms its support and solidarity with the people of Haiti as they work to rebuild their neighborhoods, livelihoods and country; and

WHEREAS, After the magnitude 7.0 earthquake, it is estimated that 230,000 to 316,000 died, about 300,000 were injured, and 1.5 million people were initially displaced as a result of the devastation; and

WHEREAS, A cholera outbreak struck Haiti in the wake of reconstruction and humanitarian efforts, contributing to thousands of deaths and hundreds of thousands of cholera cases throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The United States has a population of nearly 1 million of the Haitian diaspora, with approximately 200,000 Haitians residing in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States, the international community, and the people of New York work to provide relief, recovery, and aid efforts to rebuild after the disaster; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to remember those who lost their lives in Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake of 2010.